

# ILLINOIS POWER

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Dear Champaign-Urbana Resident:

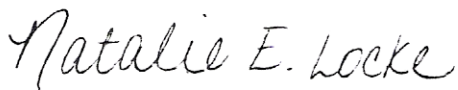
On Tuesday, November 27, 1990, Illinois Power Co. will begin taking soil samples and installing groundwater monitoring wells in the immediate area surrounding the former gas manufacturing plant that operated at 5th and Hill Streets. The site is currently the location of American Legion Post #559.

The work will be done by contractors using a well drilling rig under the supervision of Illinois Power staff. We expect to be working in the area for about a month. After the American Legion moves to its new location in Champaign early next year, we will return to do additional work on the former gas plant property.

The tests we conducted earlier this year gave us a general picture of the extent of coal tar and oil residues that are underground. This next phase of testing will provide more detailed information which will be used to study possible methods to clean up the residues at the site.

We will report our findings to you late next year after samples are collected and the results are analyzed. In the meantime, we have reports and a videotape about the investigation at the Douglass Branch Library and the main library at 505 S. Randolph Street. If you have any questions, please call Gretchen Monti of Monti Communications, Inc. Her toll free number is 1-800-232-3108.

Sincerely,



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